SHB 2233 - H AMD **917**
    By Representative Overstreet

                                                                FAILED 02/10/2012

1   On page 2, beginning on line 37, after "(6)" insert the following:

2   "(a) If the governor issues a proclamation approving of the

3 proposed retrocession in whole or in part, an election shall be held

4 in the area proposed for retrocession to determine whether the

5 proposed retrocession should occur.

6   (b) The election on the question of retrocession shall be held

7 at the next special election date specified in RCW 29A.04.330 that

8 occurs sixty or more days after a public hearing on the retrocession

9 is held in the affected communities. The ballots used in the

10 election on the question of retrocession shall contain the words "In

11 favor of the state's retrocession of civil and criminal jurisdiction

12 over the [insert name of the Indian tribe]" and "Against the state's

13 retrocession of civil and criminal jurisdiction over the [insert

14 name of the Indian tribe]" or equivalent words to accurately

15 describe the retrocession question to be decided.

16   (c) The governor may send a proclamation approving retrocession

17 to the federal government only if a majority of the electors in the

18 area proposed for retrocession cast a ballot in favor of

19 retrocession.

20   (d) If the vote in favor of retrocession receives forty percent

21 or less of the total vote on the question of retrocession, no new

22 election on the question of retrocession for the area or any portion

23 of the area proposed for retrocession may be held for a period of

24 three years from the date of the election in which retrocession

25 proposition failed.

26   (7)"

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1   Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.
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EFFECT: 1) Requires that a retrocession proposal be approved by
the voters in the affected area before the Governor may forward a
proclamation approving the retrocession to the federal government;
and 2) establishes election requirements with respect to a
retrocession ballot measure.

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